

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response of 11/08/2010 has been entered and considered. Upon entering amendment, claims 34, 35, 40-42 and 49-51 have been amended; claims 53 and 54 have been added. Claims 31-33, 36-39, 43-45 and 48 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 34, 35, 40-42, 46, 47 and 49-54 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. Regarding claims 34, 40, 46, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the cross-section with respect to a vertical cut-through of the rod-like electrode being in stepped shapes.
5. Regarding claims 35, 41, 47, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the cross-section with respect to a vertical cut-through of the rod-like electrodes being in roofing tiles shapes.
6. Collins et al. (US 5,315,473) discloses an electrostatic chuck and substrate being movable together between various chambers (col. 5, lines 54-61).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIEN MAI whose telephone number is 571-270-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 8:00-7:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jared Fureman can be reached on 571-272-2391. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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